

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:437

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TERRITORIAL MAP OF J & K

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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- (a) Whether government are aware of the new territorial map which has been brought out by USA in respect of the State of Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the changes, if any, identified by the Government in the said territorial map;
- (c) the political implications involved as a consequence thereof; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

- (a) Yes. Map of India incorrectly depicting the boundary of the State of Jammu and Kashmir which had been brought out by a US agency was briefly available on agency's website and has since been withdrawn.
- (b),(c)&(d) Government of India only recognise the maps brought out by the designated agency Survey of India. The maps published by other publishers & agencies have no legal effect on India's boundaries and territorial integrity as these are not accepted, adopted, recognized or acquiesced in by the Government of India.